**Observation of the president of International Finance Corporation on Indian Capital Market**

4224. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
CHOWDHURY HARI SINGH:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the President of International Finance Corporation, the private sector arm of the World Bank, had, while releasing the 1992 annual report of the Corporation predicted that Indian Capital market would bounce back;

(b) whether any specific investment programme was indicated by him, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the extent of IFC capital market and Government's estimate about the likely inflow of IFC capital in the Indian market during 1992 and the extent to which it would affect the various components of Indian economy such as the inflationary trends, the recession in industry and the like?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No Sir. However, while releasing IFC 1992 Annual Report, the Vice-President of IFC had mentioned that the Indian Capital Market will soon bounce back. He mentioned that the size of Indian economy, its resilience and the high saving rate of its people will assist in the recovery.

(b) and (c) Since 1959 the IFC has approved $ 1.3 billion investment in 67 Indian companies including $ 125 million in equity capital. The IFC(W)'s investment from 1.1.1992 to 31.10.1992 is $ 144.40 million. Further investment amounting to $ 25.71 million is in the pipeline and is likely to be made upto the end of 1992. IFC(W)'s equity and loan participations in Indian industry has been generally beneficial to India's industrial growth and efficiency.

***Demand for Higher Interest on deposit Scheme for retiring employees 1989***

4225. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

*Will the Minister of FINANCE be* pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount deposited in the Deposit Scheme for Retiring Government Employees-1989, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have received any representations and are aware of the demand that the rate of interest of 9 percent needs to be revised;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(d) what other steps Government are taking to make the scheme more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The amount deposited in the Deposit Scheme for Retiring Government Employees-1989, yearwise is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

| Years | Amount Deposited (Gross) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 13.16 |
| 1990191 | 15.24 |
| 1991-92 (provisional) | 13.63 |
| 1992-93 (Upto Oct. 92) (provisional) | 4.60 |

(b) to (d) Certain representations regarding revision of the rate of interest have been received which require examination taking into account various consideration like the prevailing interest rate structure, maturity period, tax benefits and the security of Government backing enjoyed by the scheme?

**Appeals disposed off by appellate tribunal for Forfeited property**

4226. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appeals for disposal by Appellate Tribunal for Forfeited Property during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92 and how many of them were actually disposed off; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the remaining appeals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of appeals for disposal (excluding those stayed by High Courts and Supreme Court), and actually disposed of during the two years is given below:

| | 1990-91 | 1991-92 |
|---|---|---|
| Number of appeals for disposal | 69 | 59 |
| Number appeals disposed of | 44 | 41 |

(b) No further measures are proposed, as the appea ls are disposed of expeditiously.

**Bad debts and loans written off by Banks**

4227. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the bad debts and loans written off by various public sector banks during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the amount involved has been met by each bank, and if not the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to minimise such expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not disclose the quantum of bad and doubtful debts for which provision has been made to the satisfication of their statutory auditors as also the amount of had debts written off.

(c) Reserve Bank of India have issued detailed guidelines to the banks laying down the factors to be kept in view before writing off bad debts.

**Increase in study allowance of M.Ps.**

4228. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the study allowance (in Foreign Exchange) of Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, what are the details and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**National Development Council's recommendation to ban the financial benefits to employees**

4229. SHRI ANANTRAY DAVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Development Councils has recommended a ban on Government and other employees' TA-DA, LTC, pay, higher grade scale and other financial benefits in their recent meeting held in September, 1992;